

**City of Franklin Common Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 3, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Council members Joseph Abban, Joseph Ault, Kenneth Austin, Stephen Barnett, Robert Henderson, Stephen Hougland, and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Clerk Treasurer's Assistant Kristi Bruther, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Mayor McGuinness led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Announcements & Presentations**

**Presentation of "Fit Friendly Company" Award to the City of Franklin, Indiana**

Ms. Carmen Parker from the American Heart Association appeared before the Council to present the "Fit Friendly Company" award to the City of Franklin, Indiana. Miss Parker read the following: *"On behalf of the American Heart Association, I would like to congratulate your organization on achieving Fit Friendly recognition for November 2013. This is a huge accomplishment which reflects your hard work and commitment to improving your employees' health. Thank you for championing the health of your employees."* She then presented a plaque to Mayor McGuinness.

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the February 3, 2014 Common Council Minutes

Council President Barnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Old Business**

**Common Council Ordinance No.: 14-01 An Ordinance Approving a Resolution of the City of Franklin, Indiana Plan Commission, and Annexing Certain Property Contiguous to the Franklin Corporate Limits (To be known as Creekside Annexation 2)** - Attorney Roger Young, speaking on behalf of the Franklin Community School Corporation, appeared before the Council to request the approval of Ordinance 14-01. Council President Barnett made a motion to read Ordinance 14-01 by title only, seconded by Councilor Abban. Mayor McGuinness read Ordinance 14-01 by title only. Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Austin, made a motion to approve. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

## **New Business**

### **Introductions**

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all ordinances under new business by title only, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Ordinance No.: 14-03 An Ordinance Approving Resolution Number 2014-01 of The City of Franklin, Indiana Plan Commission, Rezoning Certain Property to PUD (Planned Unit Development) (To be known as Homesteads at Hillview PUD)** - Mayor McGuinness read the ordinance by title only. Senior Planner Myers appeared before the Council, and gave an overview of this ordinance. She stated that the Plan Commission forwarded the ordinance with a favorable recommendation. This is presented for introduction and a public hearing will be held March 17, 2014 during the regular meeting.

**Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-06 An Additional Appropriation Ordinance from Francis Melton Donation 217 to Fire Department Services 217-13-300** - Mayor McGuinness read the ordinance by title only. Fire Chief Henderson appeared before the Council to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$3,160.00 into Fire Department Services 217-13-300. Chief Henderson explained that monies were endowed from Ms. Francis Melton to the department on an annual basis for the purpose of department training/education, in which the amount will vary annually. The training this year will be Swift Water Training. This ordinance is presented for introduction. A public hearing will be held on March 17, 2014.

**Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 14-02 A Common Council Budgetary Resolution Authorizing a Transfer from General Fund 101 to Rainy Day Fund 246 in the amount of \$635,713.38** - Mayor McGuinness read the resolution by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Alexander presented the budgetary resolution for consideration which transfers remaining funds from General Fund in the amount of \$635,713.38 to Rainy Day Fund 246. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

## **Other Business**

**Franklin Development Corporation Programming Discussion** – Board Member Lisa Fears appeared before the Council to discuss Franklin Development Corporation's project programming. She explained that the current programming falls into three categories: 1. Direct investments; 2. Residential and commercial development loans; and 3. Downtown façade program. She explained that they are reaching out to City Officials as well as the public regarding feedback on whether these are appropriate categories to continue. She encouraged members to email her feedback or to attend one of the public meetings to express their opinions.

**Discuss Funding for Trail Project** - Mayor McGuinness introduced the topic for funding of the extension of the Trail Project. City Engineer Underhill appeared before the Council to answer questions. The current plan is to extend the trail another 3.5 miles from SR44 to US31. A discussion was held. Councilor Wertz, seconded by Councilor Abban made a motion to authorize the creation of the resolution to move monies from the Rainy Day fund in the amount of \$433,195.00. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**2014 Budget Order** - Clerk-Treasurer Alexander presented the DLGF certified 2014 City of Franklin Budget Order indicating that the state has approved the City's 2014 budget as adopted by the Council. She also provided the members with year-end budget reports.

Councilor Wertz asked that the Clerk-Treasurer report at the next meeting on allowable uses of the Riverboat fund.

Council President Barnett inquired about the salary study for city employees. Clerk Treasurer Alexander explained that a third-party salary study would require updated job descriptions for all city positions. A discussion was held. It was determined that updating the Employee Manual/Handbook is a priority this year.

### **Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, March 17, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled: 03/14/2014

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Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

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